



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5530**

LCO No. 1277

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. URBAN, 43rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CRUELTY PREVENTION AND EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That sections 53a-30, 54-56e and 46b-140 of the general statutes be
- 2 amended to provide that if a person is charged with or convicted of a
- 3 violation of section 53-247 of the general statutes, concerning cruelty to
- 4 animals, the court may order as a condition of probation for a
- 5 sentenced person or as a condition of probation for a person granted
- 6 accelerated rehabilitation, that such person undergo psychiatric or
- 7 psychological counseling and participate in an animal cruelty
- 8 prevention and education program, provided the court shall order
- 9 such counseling and participation if such person is a juvenile.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prevent cruelty to animals by authorizing courts to order persons charged with or convicted of cruelty to animals to undergo counseling and participate in animal cruelty prevention and education programs as a condition of probation.